

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), pursuant to the authority vested in it by section 87306 of the Government Code, proposes amendment to its conflict of interest code. A comment period has been established commencing on November 22, 2019 and closing on January 6, 2020. All inquiries should be directed to the contact listed below.

ABAG proposes to amend its conflict of interest code to include Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) employee positions that involve the making or participation in the making of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, as set forth in subdivision (a) of section 87302 of the Government Code. The amendment carries out the purposes of the law and no other alternative would do so and be less burdensome to affected persons.

Changes to the conflict of interest code include: changes reflecting the ABAG-MTC staff consolidation, and other technical changes.

The proposed amendment and explanation of the reasons for the changes can be obtained from the agency's contact.

Any interested person may submit written comments relating to the proposed amendment by submitting them no later than January 6, 2020, or at the conclusion of the public hearing, if requested, whichever comes later. At this time, no public hearing is scheduled. A person may request a hearing no later than December 20, 2019.

ABAG has determined that the proposed amendments:

1. Impose no mandate on local agencies or school districts.
2. Impose no costs or savings on any state agency.
3. Impose no costs on any local agency or school district that are required to be reimbursed under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
4. Will not result in any nondiscretionary costs or savings to local agencies.
5. Will not result in any costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
6. Will not have any potential cost impact on private persons, businesses or small businesses.

Copies of the proposed amendment and explanation of the reasons for it will be made available to any interested person who calls Frederick Castro, Clerk of the Board, ABAG, during business hours at (415) 820-7913. Written requests for copies of the proposed amendment and explanation of the reasons for it, and written comments on the amendment, may be sent to Mr. Castro at ABAG's offices, 375 Beale Street, Suite 700, San Francisco, CA 94105. Any inquiries concerning the proposed amendment should be directed to Cynthia Segal, MTC Deputy General Counsel, at (415) 778-6713, or csegal@bayareametro.gov.